

Appendix table 2-6. Women as a percentage of all bachelor's degree recipients, by field: 1966-96

Year	All fields	Science & engineering fields								All other fields	Index of dissimilarity ¹
		Total, science and engineering	Engineering	Physical sciences	Earth, atmospheric, & ocean sciences	Mathematics	Computer science	Bio-logical/agri-cultural sciences	Psychology		
1966	42.6	24.8	0.4	14.0	9.4	33.3	14.6	25.0	40.8	34.3	52.2
1967	42.3	25.4	0.5	13.9	10.2	34.3	10.8	24.5	40.0	34.7	51.7
1968	43.5	27.1	0.6	14.3	10.0	37.2	12.0	24.8	42.3	35.8	52.6
1969	43.8	27.8	0.8	14.3	10.0	37.4	13.0	24.4	43.1	36.5	52.6
1970	43.2	28.0	0.8	14.5	10.2	37.4	12.9	24.1	43.6	36.6	51.5
1971	43.5	28.9	0.8	14.7	10.8	38.1	13.6	24.1	44.7	37.6	51.2
1972	43.7	29.4	1.1	15.8	12.2	39.1	13.6	24.4	46.4	37.0	51.1
1973	43.9	29.9	1.2	15.8	12.2	40.2	14.9	25.2	47.8	37.0	51.3
1974	44.4	31.4	1.6	16.8	15.9	41.0	16.4	27.0	50.5	37.6	51.1
1975	45.4	32.8	2.1	18.8	17.0	42.0	19.0	29.2	52.7	38.5	51.8
1976	45.6	33.6	3.4	19.5	18.3	40.7	19.8	31.2	54.4	38.8	51.5
1977	46.2	34.6	4.9	19.9	20.8	41.6	23.9	32.9	56.7	40.3	51.9
1978	47.2	35.5	7.4	21.5	21.6	41.3	25.8	35.2	58.9	41.6	52.9
1979	48.3	36.3	9.1	22.6	22.8	41.7	28.1	37.1	61.3	42.9	54.1
1980	49.2	37.2	10.1	24.0	23.8	42.3	30.3	39.1	63.3	44.8	54.9
1981	49.9	37.8	11.1	24.7	24.9	42.8	32.5	41.1	65.1	45.4	55.7
1982	50.5	38.5	12.3	26.2	25.6	43.2	34.8	42.3	66.9	46.2	56.3
1983	50.7	38.8	13.3	28.5	25.3	43.8	36.4	43.8	67.6	46.3	56.4
1984	50.7	38.6	14.1	29.4	24.4	44.3	37.2	44.4	67.9	45.6	56.6
1985	50.9	38.8	14.5	29.7	24.6	46.1	36.9	45.1	68.2	45.8	57.0
1986	51.0	39.0	14.5	29.8	22.3	46.5	35.8	45.5	69.0	45.6	57.1
1987	51.7	39.7	15.3	30.2	22.6	46.5	34.8	46.1	69.0	45.8	57.6
1988	52.2	40.6	15.4	32.1	23.8	46.4	32.5	47.7	70.1	45.8	57.6
1989	52.7	41.3	15.2	30.9	25.2	46.0	30.8	47.6	70.8	46.2	57.8
1990	53.3	42.5	15.4	32.2	27.9	46.4	30.2	48.2	71.5	46.3	58.1
1991	54.1	43.9	15.5	32.4	28.7	47.2	29.6	48.7	72.6	47.2	58.5
1992	54.3	44.9	15.6	33.1	32.0	46.8	28.9	49.3	73.2	47.8	58.5
1993	54.4	45.3	15.9	33.6	30.0	47.1	28.3	48.9	73.2	48.2	58.5
1994	54.6	45.8	16.5	34.6	31.1	46.3	28.6	48.9	73.1	49.0	58.7
1995	54.8	46.5	17.3	35.5	34.0	46.9	28.5	49.7	73.0	49.8	58.7
1996	55.2	47.1	17.9	37.0	33.3	45.8	27.6	50.2	73.0	50.8	59.2

¹ The dissimilarity index is a measure of the percentage of women baccalaureate recipients who would need to switch fields of study to match the percentage distribution of men receiving baccalaureate degrees. The index is calculated as the sum of the absolute difference between the percentage of women bachelor's degree recipients earning degrees in each field and the percentage of men bachelor's degree recipients earning degrees in each field divided by 2.

NOTE: For the years 1966-70 the science and engineering total includes degrees granted for "other" sciences; these degrees are not included in any of the specific categories. These degrees constitute less than 2 percent of the total.

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